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Wylie Crime Rate Drops to Lowest In Five Years
Violent Crime Down 34%

Wylie, TX – The Wylie Police Department (WPD) reports that the City's 2012 crime rate per 1,000 population decreased by 13% from 2011 figures despite a 2% increase in population. This is the lowest crime rate in over five years.

"The decreased rate in crime continues to show the outstanding work performed by the men and women who serve as members of the Wylie Police Department," says Mayor Eric Hogue. "Every resident of our city should be thankful for the excellent job our police officers do each and every day for our community. These numbers show the dedication and commitment our police chief, lieutenants, sergeants, detectives, officers and administrative staff in protecting and serving our city. I am so proud of the work they do to help in building a bright future for Wylie, Texas."

Crime rate numbers are based on the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system defined as the number of crimes committed per 1,000 population. Part I crimes are comprised of seven offenses, broken down into two categories. Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery and aggravated assault; property crime includes burglary, larceny and motor vehicle theft.

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Crime rate is calculated by dividing the total number of Part I Crimes reported to the police by the population. In 2012 there were a total of 693 Part I Crimes reported to Wylie Police. Wylie's estimated 2012 population is 43,481; the result is a Part I crime rate of 15.94 Part I Crimes for every 1,000 Wylie residents.

In 2012, violent crime per 1,000 population was down 34% from 2011. There were a total of 30 violent crimes reported to Wylie Police in 2012 down from 45 in 2011. Property crime per 1,000 populations also saw a decrease of 12% over 2011 figures.

There was an increase in the "All Other Crimes" category which includes any offense not listed as a Part I offense. The increase is attributed to Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) incidents which increased by 22% over 2011 figures and Narcotics offenses which increased by 88% over 2011 figures. Narcotic offenses include Possession of Marijuana and any other controlled substances such as; Methamphetamine, Cocaine, or illegal possession of prescribed medications.

The number of motor vehicle accidents increased by 7% over 2011 figures with one reported fatality in 2012.

CATEGORY	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Violent Crimes					
Homicide	0	1	1	1	2
Rape	15	6	10	2	1
Robbery	4	4	5	17	5
Aggravated Assault	29	17	18	25	22
Violent Crime Subtotal	48	28	34	45	30
Violent Crime Rate per 1,000 (UCR)	1.179	0.675	0.805	1.05	0.69
Property Crimes					
Burglary	144	162	143	153	111

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Larceny	516	499	563	566	514
Motor Vehicle Theft	30	33	33	23	38
Property Crime Subtotal	690	694	739	742	663
Property Crime Rate per 1,000 (UCR)	16.94	16.77	17.49	17.33	15.20
Total Major crimes UCR	738	723	773	787	693
Major Crime Rate per 1,000	18.15	17.43	18.3	18.38	15.94
Total all other crimes	1356	1466	1107	1050	1356
Calls for Service	26,839	28,343	27,823	26,608	29,203
Average Response Time (minutes)	4:54	5:49	6:27	6:56	6:28
Traffic					
Fatality Crashes	2	4	1	1	1
Major Accident	174	174	196	181	215
Minor Accident	300	442	465	433	435
Population	40,709	41,461	42,232	42,804	43,481

Crime Rate statistics are a snapshot of reported criminal activity in our community. The Wylie Police Department is well aware that these statistics are meaningless to those that are victims of crime and though the overall outlook is positive it cannot detract from those that have had the misfortune of becoming victims of crime.

For more information on programs or questions about this report, please contact Sergeant Donna Valdepena, (972) 442-4333 or email donna.valdepena@wylietexas.gov.

Additional UCR information and data is available at <http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/ucr.htm>.

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